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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: